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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
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FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

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ORDER OF THE CHIEF JUDGE
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IN RE: ELECTRONIC FILING IN CASES WITH UNREPRESENTED PARTIES
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When the Electronic Case Filing (ECF/e-filing) program was established for civil cases in January 2003 (see generally General Order 45), the court's practice was to exclude from the e-filing program cases in which any party was not represented by an attorney. Pursuant to Part III of General Order 45, the court's ECF webpage provided: "All cases involving pro se parties are excluded from the e-filing program and must be filed entirely in paper, unless otherwise ordered by the court."

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Effective immediately, cases with unrepresented party litigants in which at least one party is represented by an attorney will no longer be excluded from the e-filing program. All *represented* parties will e-file their submissions to the court on the same basis as in cases not involving pro se litigants and in compliance with all parts of General Order 45. *Represented* parties will be required to serve paper copies by mail on *unrepresented* parties only. As before, unrepresented litigants will continue to file and serve all submissions to the court in paper form unless prior leave is obtained from the assigned judge in a particular case.

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IT IS SO ORDERED.

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Date: May 11, 2007

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Vaughn R. Walker
United States District Chief Judge